

AS-WE-GO STRIPEY BLANKET

ABOUT

The “as-we-go stripey blanket” was created as a crochet-along project on notyouraveragecrochet.com in 2013 by Hannah Davis. This pattern may be used for personal or commercial use, but please do not claim it as your own. The materials are flexible and you can make this blanket any size you wish. What is listed is just one option for you.



SIZE

Large throw

MATERIALS

- 9 balls of Stylecraft Special DK (100g, 295m/322yd per ball) for the body (Apricot, Aspen, Aster, Candyfloss, Fondant, Lavender, Lipstick, Meadow, Parchment, Sherbet)
- 1 ball of Stylecraft Special DK (100g, 295m/322yd per ball) for the border (Pale Rose)
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

SPECIAL STITCHES (WITH INSTRUCTIONS)

Granny Stripe, Catharine Wheel, Star Stitch, Bobbles, Chevron/Ripple

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PATTERN

Foundation chain: Begin by loosely chaining any multiple of 24 (i.e. 96, 120, 144, etc.) in the color of your choice. Then chain 2 more for our turning chains. With my DK weight yarn and my H/8/5mm, I chained 194 total to make my throw about 50"/127cm wide, but you make yours however long you want to! Because the 2 turning chains count as your first hdc, you should have an odd number of stitches for every row in your blanket (you will have a multiple of 24 + 1 stitches). So for example, since I chained 192 + the 2 turning chains that count as 1 stitch, I will have 193 stitches in all of my rows.

Row 1: In 3rd chain from hook, hdc. Hdc across, leaving the final loop of the last stitch unworked (we're changing colors, and this is how colors will be changed unless otherwise noted).

Row 2: Draw new color through. Ch3 (counts as the first stitch of this row, and this is how it will continue to be unless otherwise noted) and turn. Dc across.

Row 3 (Granny Stripe): With new color, ch3 and turn. Dc 1 in first stitch with the ch3. *Skip 2 sts, work 3 dc in next st. Repeat from * until end, making only 2 dc sts in the last st of the row.

Row 4 (Granny Stripe ctd.): With new color, ch3 and turn. *Dc3 in space between clusters of row below. Repeat from * until end, making only 1 dc in the last st.

Row 5 (Granny Stripe ctd.): With color from row 3, repeat row 3. Count your stitches here to make sure you have the same number as when you started.

Row 6: With new color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Row 7: With new color, ch2, turn, hdc across.

Row 8 (Catharine Wheel): *(Do these rows very loosely or your blanket will pull in at the sides. If you like, go up a hook size for the Catharine Wheel rows.)*

With new color, ch1, turn. Sc in same st. *Skip 3 sts, dc7 in next st. Skip 3 sts, sc in next st. Repeat this shell pattern from * until end.

Row 9 (Catharine Wheel ctd.): With new color, ch2, turn. In the next 3 sts, make a dc but do not pull the last loop through them. You will have 4 loops on your hook. Yo and draw through. We'll call this a "cluster" of 4. *Ch3, sc in top/middle of the shell below. Ch3. Dc in next 7 stitches but do not finish them, yo and draw through (making a "cluster" of 7). Repeat from * until end, making the last cluster a cluster of 4.

Row 10 (Catharine Wheel ctd.): With same color as row 9, ch3, turn, and dc3 in same st as the ch3. *Sc in the sc of previous row. In the center space of the next "wheel," dc7. Repeat these shells from * until end, making the last one only 4 dc stitches.

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Row 11 (Catharine Wheel ctd.): With color from row 8, ch1, turn, sc in same stitch as the ch1. Ch3, make the same “cluster” of 7 that you made in row 9. Ch3, sc in the top/middle of shell below. Continue in the same manner as row 9 until the end, finishing with a sc.

Row 12: With new color, ch3, turn. Make 2dc around the chain below. Make 1 dc in the “eye” of the wheel below. Make 1 dc in the next st (right before the ch3 space of the row below). Dc3 around the chain below. Dc1 in sc. Repeat in this way until the end. Count your stitches at this point, making sure you have the same number as when you started.

Row 13: With new color, ch2, turn. Hdc across.

Row 14: With new color, ch3, turn. Dc across.

Row 15 (Star Stitch): With new color, ch3, turn. In the second chain, insert hook and draw a loop through. In the bottom chain, do the same. You will have 3 loops on your hook now. In first st (same place as the ch3), insert hook and pull up a loop. Pull up loops through the next 2 sts as well. You will have 6 loops on your hook now. Yo and draw through all 6 loops. *Ch1 to close the stitch and form the “eye” of the star. Insert hook in the “eye” you just made and pull up a loop. Insert hook around the last “spoke” of the star you just made and pull up a loop. Insert hook in the same stitch of the row below that the spoke of the last star is already in, pull up a loop. Pull up loops in the next 2 sts. You will have 6 loops on your hook. Yo and draw through all 6. Repeat from * until end, where you will have 1 st left to work. Hdc in this last st.

Row 16 (Star Stitch ctd.): With same color, ch2, turn. Make 1 hdc in the “eye” of the last star of the row below. In the next “eye” and the rest to follow, hdc2. At the end of the row, make 1hdc into the top turning chain of the row below.

Row 17: With new color, ch3, turn. Dc in between the hdcs of the previous row, continue across. Since this shifts the stitches over slightly, count your stitches and make sure you have the same number as when you started the blanket. You will most likely need to add a last dc in the top of the ch2 of the previous row to finish.

Row 18: With new color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Rows 19-21: With 2 new colors, make another section of Granny Stripes (rows 3-5).

Row 22: With new color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Row 23: With new color, ch2, turn, hdc across.

Row 24: With new color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Row 25: With new color, ch2, turn, hdc across.

Row 26 (first row of Bobble pattern): With new color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Row 27 (actual Bobble row): With same color, ch2, turn, hdc in next 8 sts, leaving last st unfinished. With new color, finish the stitch. Crocheting over the working yarn of your background color, make 1dc in next st, but do not pull last loop through. Make 3 more unfinished dc sts in the same stitch. You will have 5 loops on your hook. With your background color, yo and pull through all 5 loops. Hdc over next 9 sts, leaving the last unfinished. Make another bobble here, and repeat the pattern until the end. You will probably not have 9 stitches of the background color at the end (I had 7) but it's ok.

Row 28 (last row of Bobble pattern): With same color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Row 29: With new color, ch2, turn, hdc across.

Row 30: With new color, ch3, turn, dc across.

Row 31 (Chevron/Ripple pattern): *(For this and the following 3 rows, the turning chains do NOT count as the first stitch as they have previously been doing.)*

With new color, ch1, turn. Bring up loops in the first 2 sts, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook. That is your first st. *Hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr3 in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, pull up loops in next 3 sts, yo and pull through. Repeat from * until end, only pulling up 2 stitches at the end of the row instead of 3.

Row 32 (Chevron/Ripple pattern): With new color, ch1, turn. Pull up loops from first 2 sts, yo and pull through. This is your first st. Sc in next 2 sts, the sc 3 in the middle treble of the row below. Sc in next 2 sts, pull up loops in next 3 sts, yo and finish the stitch. Repeat this way until the end.

Row 33: (Chevron/Ripple pattern): With same color, repeat row 32.

Row 34: (Chevron/Ripple pattern): With same color as row 31, ch3, tr in second st of row below (this counts as your first st). Dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc3 in next st. Hdc in next st, dc in next st, make unfinished trebles in next 3 sts, yo and pull through to finish the treble decrease. Dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc3 in next st. Continue in this way until the end of the row, making only a 2 treble decrease at the end instead of 3.

Row 35: Ch2, turn, hdc across. At the end, remember that the ch3 of the row below didn't count as a stitch, so make your last hdc in the top of the treble. Count your sts to make sure you have the same number as when you started the blanket.

Now you have gone through all of the special stitches at least once, and you've got the hang of how the blanket pattern works. From this point on, instead of saying "with new color, ch3, turn, dc across" I will just say "dc row" and you will know what to do. Happy hooking!

Row 36: Dc row.

Row 37: Hdc row.

Row 38: Dc row.

Rows 39-41: Granny Stripe.

Row 42: Dc row

Row 43: Hdc row.

Row 44: Dc row.

Rows 45-46: Star Stitch.

Row 47: Hdc row, crocheting between the stitches like you did above the star stitch last time. Count your stitches.

Row 48: Dc row.

Row 29-52: Catharine Wheel.

Row 53: Dc row, crocheting over the Catharine Wheels like you did above them the last time. Count your stitches.

Row 54: Dc row.

Row 55: Hdc row.

Row 56-58: Bobble Stitch pattern.

Row 59: Hdc row.

Row 60: Dc row.

Row 61: Hdc row.

Row 62: Dc row.

Row 63: Hdc row.

Row 64: Dc row.

Row 65-67: Granny Stripe.

Row 68: Dc row.

Row 69: Hdc row.

Row 70: Dc row.

Rows 71-74: Chevron/Ripple pattern.

Row 75: Hdc row.

Row 76: Dc row.

Row 77: Hdc row.

Row 78: Dc row.

Rows 79-80: Star Stitch.

Row 81: Hdc row, working between hdcs of row 80. Count your stitches.

Row 82: Dc row.

Rows 83-85: Granny Stripe.

Row 86: Dc row.

Row 87: Hdc row.

Rows 88-90: Bobble Stitch pattern.

Row 91: Hdc row.

Row 92: Dc row.

Row 93: Hdc row.

Row 94: Dc row.

Row 95: Hdc across.

Rows 96-99: Catharine Wheel pattern.

Row 100: Dc row, working over the Catharine Wheels as previously.

Row 101: Hdc row.

Row 102: Dc row.

Rows 103-104: Star Stitch pattern.

Row 105: Hdc row.

Row 106: Dc row.

Rows 107-109: Granny Stripe.

Row 110: Dc row.

Row 111: Hdc row.

Row 112: Dc row.

Rows 113-116: Chevron/Ripple pattern.

Row 117: Hdc row.

Row 118: Dc row.

Row 119: Hdc row.

Rows 120-122: Bobble Stitch pattern.

Row 123: Hdc row.

Row 124: Dc row.

Row 125: Hdc row.

Row 126: Dc row.

Rows 127-129: Granny Stripe.

Row 130: Dc row.

Row 131: Hdc row. Fasten off, weave in ends!

If you want to continue your blanket further, go back and start working row 8 and go from there. This will keep the bobble rows pretty evenly spaced, which was the only non-random thing about this blanket.

BORDER

Row 1: Attach your border yarn to the bottom left corner of your blanket. Make 1sc in each chain loop. When you reach your corner, make sure you add at least 1sc so that the corner will turn properly. 3sc in your corner st should be good. When crocheting up/down the sides of your blanket, crochet around the entire stitch at the end/beginning of the rows. When you come across a row ending/beginning in a sc, make 1 border sc around it. When reaching a hdc, make 2 border sc around that st. Make 2 around dc stitches as well, and 3 around trebles. In the case of the star stitch, place 3 sc across the two rows. When you reach the beginning of your border, sl st to close the round, ch1, and begin row 2.

Row 2: Work sc stitches into every st of your first border row, remembering to put in an extra at the corners. Close the round and begin row 3 the same way.

Row 3: Sc in first 6 sts. To make a picot, ch3, sl st in first ch. Without skipping any stitches, sc into next 6 sts. Make another picot, and continue this around. Sl st in last st, tie off, weave in ends. You're done!

BLOCKING

If the edges of your blanket are too uneven for your taste, feel free to wash and block your blanket according to your yarn label.

A REQUEST

There is a permanent photo gallery on <http://notyouraveragecrochet.com> featuring the blankets made with this pattern done by people all over the world. If you would like your blanket to be put up, please send a large photo to davish14@winthrop.edu and include the name you wish to appear with your photo and your blog/site address or your location.

CREDIT

Inspirational credit goes to Julie over on <http://littlewoolie.blogspot.com/2011/10/mixed-stripey-blanket-end-tadah.html> This blanket is similar to her own but with some stitch variations. Julie has OKed my crochet along and I mean it as a credit to her lovely work – she is an inspiration in many ways!